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SUBJECT: NEW SWAZILAND REFUGEE ACT

1. GOS GAZETTE DISTRIBUTED APRIL 19 CONTAINS "REFUGEE CONTROL ORDER, 1978," WHICH APPEARS VERY REGRESSIVE. UNHCR REP SABITI TOLD US THAT ORDER IS INCONSISTENT WITH UNITED NATIONS UNDER-TAKINGS ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. SPIRIT OF THE ORDER IS REVEALED BY FOLLOWING EXCERPTS: "5(1) THE MINISTER (DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER) MAY, BY ORDER IN WRITING -- (A) DIRECT THAT ANY REFUGEE ENTERING OR LEAVING SWAZILAND SHALL ENTER OR LEAVE BY SPECIFIED ROUTES OR AT SPECIFIED PLACES." COMMENT: MIND BOGGLES AT SUGGESTION THAT CERTAIN SOUTH AFRICAN AND MOZAMBICAN BORDER POINTS WILL BE POSTED AS GOS-SANCTIONED REFUGEE-CROSSING POINTS. RESULT WILL BE REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF REFUGEES ENTERING SWAZILAND, WHICH WILL MEET WISHES OF SWAZILAND, MOZAMBIQUE, AND SOUTH AFRICA BUT IS HARDLY HUMANITARIAN.

"10(1) THE MINISTER (DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER) MAY AT ANY TIME
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ORDER ANY REFUGEE TO RETURN BY SUCH MEANS OR ROUTE AS HE SHALL DIRECT TO THE TERRITORY FROM WHICH HE ENTERED SWAZILAND." COMMENT: THIS PROVISION ALSO INDICATES GOS' LACK OF SENSITIVITY TO HUMANITARIAN FACTOR.

3. COPY OF ORDER IS BEING SENT TO ALL ADDRESSEES UNDER COVER OF A-21 POUCHED APRIL 21. WE WOULD WELCOME COMMENTS BY TRAINED

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OBSERVERS, I.E.,THOSE IN POSITION TO COMPARE THIS ORDER WITH
SIMILAR LEGISLATION IN OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

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